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# EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

General Meeting Agenda -- October 8, 2013, Noon -- St Margaret's Episcopal Church

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Opening Prayer/Reflection - Jan Starr

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Introductions

Minutes of previous meeting - Brian Anderson

Treasurer's Report - Kimberly Kibby

**Refreshment Coordinator** - Betty Spohn 425-451-3651 (for coffee drinkers - \$1 coffee donation suggested for St. Margaret's)

Business: Notice of proposed revision of By-Laws to allow second officer terms, and additional clean up items as specified below- to be voted at the November 12, 2013;

Notice of withdrawal of Secretary Brian Anderson due to change of employment, and note of appreciation.

Nomination committee report; Nominations from the floor; voting on election of Officers and Directors for Year ending October 31, 2014, pending ratification as may be required pursuant to ByLaw amendment vote at the November general membership meeting.

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Proposed ByLaws amendments to be submitted for vote at the November 12, 2013 general membership meeting. Proposed changes to ByLaws reflected below by "deletions" or "additions,"

Article II. Purpose Section I. Mission Statement second paragraph to read as follows

We provide a forum to educate, advocate, initiate, coordinate, support, and through task forces, or other means, work for the common good of the Eastside community to address human needs and improve the quality of life. To carry out this mission statement, EISCC is currently managing three agencies which operate under the EISCC 501(c)3 designation. These are: Congregations for the Homeless, the Sophia Way, and Congregations for Kids and BackMeals.

[comment - this change reflect the separation in 2012 of The Sophia Way and Congregations for the Homeless, and the addition of Backpack Meals as a new sub agency of EISCC as approved earlier this year.]

## Article V. Board of Directors

#### Section III. Election of Board of Directors

The election of the directors and officers of EISCC shall be made by the membership at the October meeting. They shall take office on November 1. A nominating committee appointed by the Board of Directors at the June meeting shall propose a slate of directors and officers at the September meeting. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The terms of office for directors shall be 1 year, with the exception of the President Elect, President, and Past President. An individual elected as President Elect will serve on the Board for three years, the first year as President Elect, the second year as President, and the third year as Past President. An individual elected as President Elect may continue to be on the Board after his or has three years have expired. An officer may be elected and serve in the same office for one additional term.

[comment - this reflects the nominating committee report and recommendation that the current board and officers serve an additional year's term, and authorizes such election if the proposed directors and officer are elected by vote of general emembership.]

# Article IX. EISCC Agencies Section III Responsibilities of Executive Directors

second paragraph to read as follows:

The Agency will also provide the EISCC Treasurer with a yearly Budget and Financial Accounting of the business of the Agency. The Treasurer will then provide the Board with an interpretation of the well being of the Agency. <u>Unless waived or modified by action of the EISCC Board of Directors.</u> Agencies will have a review of financial records by an outside independent auditor each year coordinated by the Treasurer and any finding from that review will also be provided to the EISCC Board of Directors. Any business not already common to the Board in connection with the Agency should be reported at Board meetings or to the President should immediate action need consideration.

[comment - To help alleviate the significant expense of outside accounting review, this proposed change authorizes the board to waive or modify the requirement of formal outside independent accounting review. In past years, The Sophia Way and Congregations for the homeless had substantial budgets approaching \$1 million each, and were required by outside grant entities to have full accounting review. Congregations for Kids and Backpack Meals have budgets of approximately \$25,000 and outside donors do not require full review.]

Section IV. Removal of Agencies

Upon a majority vote of the membership at a <u>general membership</u> meeting <u>or at a special meeting</u> called for that purpose, an Agency can be removed as an agency of EISCC.

[comment - to clarify the meeting venue is a general meeting, and vote required is 2.3 of the then constituted quorum, not of the entire membership.]

## Article X. Amendments

# Section I. Amending the By-Laws

These by-laws may be amended or replaced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of <u>a constituted quorum</u> at a <u>general</u> member<u>ship</u> meeting provided that a thirty (30) day prior written notice of the amendment had been given.

[comment - same as above]

Article XII. Procedures for Public Endorsement, Recommendation and Action sections d and f to read as follows:

#### d. Discussion

At the next EISCC <u>general membership</u> meeting, the proposed statement is discussed, language tightened, amended and voted upon by EISCC congregational representatives either present or voting by written proxy. Two-thirds (2/3) vote <u>of a constituted quorum</u> at a meeting shall constitute approval.

[comment - same as above]

#### f. Urgent Response

When any issue requires urgent response by EISCC, a proposal may be presented at a regular meeting. The proposal will be discussed, language tightened, amended as appropriate, and voted upon by the EISCC representatives. A unanimous assent of those present and voting shall be required for approval.

When an issue requires urgent response by the EISCC, but the draft proposal fails to receive unanimous consent of those present and voting, the Board of Directors may meet to draft a proposal which shall be sent to members with a notice of meeting, the date of said meeting to be no less than ten (10) days from the date of posting. The proposal shall be discussed and voted upon by EISCC congregational representatives either present or voting by written proxy. Two-thirds (2/3) vote of a constituted quorum at a general membership meeting with a present-shall constitute approval and may be released as a Public Release. Any public release should include the disclaimer that the statement represents the position of the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council and does not imply official endorsement by individual congregations or denominational bodies.

[comment - same as above, together with clarified language on public release of EISCC positions.]